

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

FACILITY AND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY

EYEWASH AND SAFETY SHOWERS



Proper Procedures for Decontamination

Emergency showers and eyewash stations serve the same purpose—to help workers quickly flush away hazardous substances, including corrosive chemicals, acids and airborne contaminants like dust that can cause injury.

Safety Shower Procedures: If exposure occurs, act immediately. Go to the nearest safety shower without delay.

- Remove all contaminated clothing and jewelry before stepping under the shower.
- Remain under the running water for at least 15 minutes to ensure complete decontamination.
- After flushing for the full 15 minutes, seek medical attention right away.

Eyewash procedures: If a hazardous substance enters your eyes, go to the nearest eyewash station immediately.

- Push the activation lever. This will open the dust covers and start the flow of water from both nozzles.
- Use your fingers to hold your eyelids open and position your eyes directly in the water streams.
- Rinse continuously for at least 15 minutes, do not stop early.
- After flushing for the full 15 minutes, seek medical attention right away.

Key Reminders

- Know the location of the nearest eyewash and safety shower station before starting work.
- Keep access and surrounding area clear at all times.
- Test your equipment weekly to ensure its function in the event of an emergency.
- Report any malfunctions to your building deputy.



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